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Financial resources of health care

Slovakia has introduced new currency – Euro – since 1st January 2009.

The average salary in Slovakia was 670 €/month in 2007. An increase by 8, 8% in the wages was recorded during 2008 year so that the average monthly salary rised to 729 €.

The average salary in healthcare sector in 2008 was 845 € , i.e. 15,9% higher than the national average. It is difficult to estimate average income of hospital doctors because many of them have more than one contract thus avoiding also the Act on the working conditions adopted in September 2007.

The total income of the health insurance companies in 2008 was about **3,25 billions €**. The approximation for the year 2009 reaches about 3,25-3,50 billions €, including the latest corrections for the impact of financial crisis.

The insurance costs paid for the total healthcare in 2008 was 3,089 billions €. Out of this amount **974 mil €** were allocated for hospital healthcare. (1,023 billion € was spent for medicaments).

Incomes of the state owned hospitals were growing faster comparing to the private and NGO ones. The former grew up about 20 to 40% in 2007-2008, the later about 0-10%. This disparity began after the governmental intervention in the health insurance system with the amendment of the financial fee for services rules.

Material and personal standards of the health care providers

In 2008 government passed new rules dealing with the material and personal standards of healthcare providers. The personal standards will come in force from 1st July 2009, the technical (material) ones from for 1st January 2011.

It is estimated, that the implementation of the personal standards in non-governmental hospitals will need to put on the number of personal by an average of 10%.

E-learning

The Slovak Medical Chamber has successfully applied for the grant for e-learning. It should be introduced during this year. SMC believe it will increase quality of CME and its availability for doctors in Slovakia.

Legislative changes

The Slovak Government is about to adopt changes in healthcare legislation and the Slovak Medical Chamber was asked by the Ministry of Health to make its own proposals. SMC is asking for more competencies and is waiting for result.

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